
ADAI

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Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries was created as the Department of Agriculture by a legislative act on **September 1, 1883.**

Today's Department, operating with a budget of under \$25 million, employs 300 full-time and over 250 part-time workers who carry out regulatory and promotional responsibilities that touch the lives of all Alabamians.



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ADAI Divisions & Programs

- Executive Division
- Agriculture Compliance
- Animal Industries
- Audits & Reports
- Emergency Programs
- Farmers Market Authority
- Food Safety Shipping Point Inspection Services
- Gins & Warehouses
- Legal
- Mediation Program
- Pesticide Management
- Petroleum Commodities
- Plant Protection
- Seed Lab
- Veterinary Diagnostic Labs
- Weights & Measures
- Hemp Program



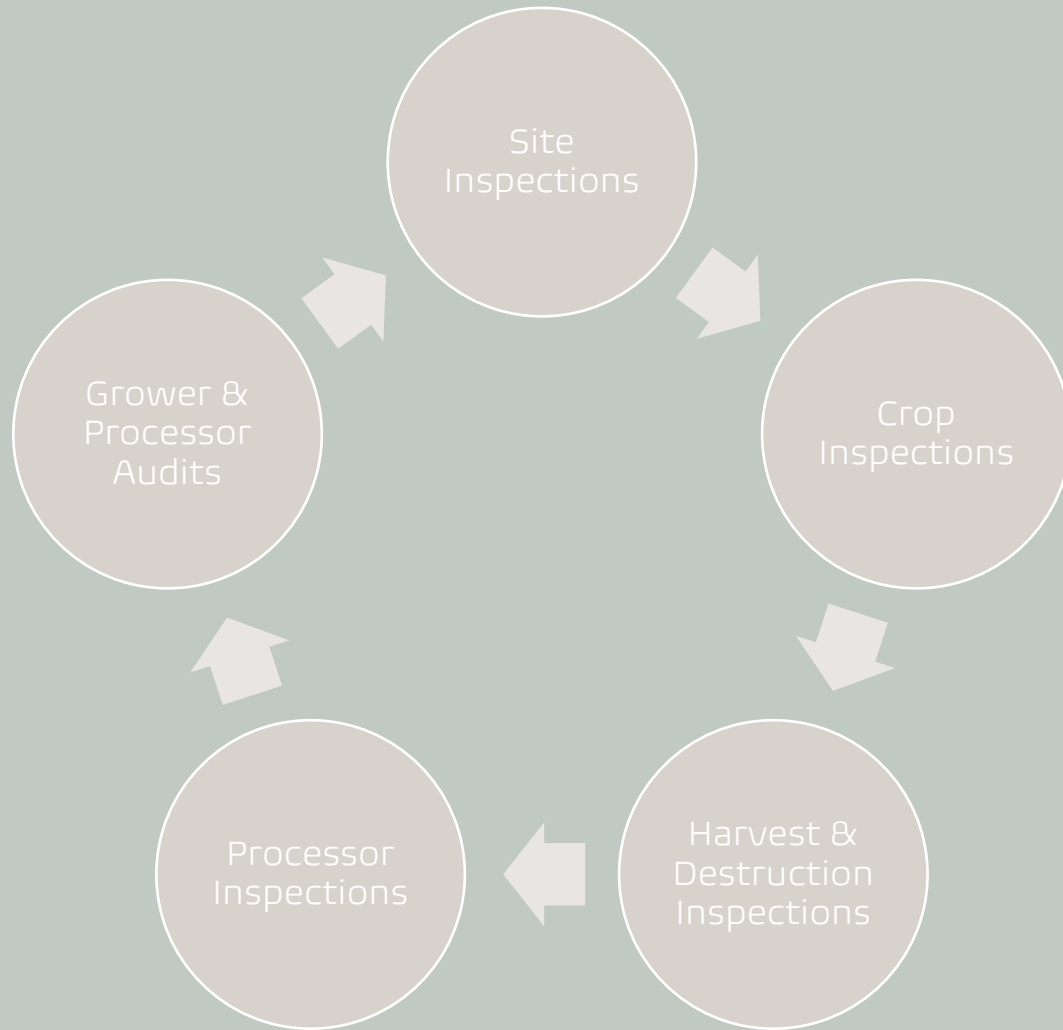
A large indoor hemp cultivation facility with rows of plants and a worker in the background.

ADAH Hemp Program

Hemp Program History

- The Alabama Legislature in 2016 passed the Alabama Industrial Hemp Research Program Act, which required the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries to set up a licensing and inspection program for industrial hemp production.
- In the 2019 pilot program Alabama granted 152 hemp growers, 59 processors and five universities. In 2020 the state granted 422 licensed growers.
- In 2023 there were 63 grower licenses issued and 66 processor licenses issued.

Duties of the Hemp Program



Site & Crop Inspections

- Site inspections are conducted to make sure each growing location is following hemp regulations.
- Crop inspections ensure the growers crop is successful, in addition to following hemp regulations.



Harvest & Destruction Inspections

All crops are sampled by ADAI and tested by the Food & Drug Lab in Montgomery Prior to harvesting or destroying the crop.





Processor Inspections

- Processors have frequent inspections.
- All processors are required to have records of all hemp material purchased and processed in Alabama.
- Each Processor follows guidelines which make their products traceable, list all ingredients used, and report all disposal of spent materials.



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Grower – Processor Audits & Assistance

Hemp Staff

Both office and field staff progressively audit growers and processors throughout the year

USDA

Each year with data collected from field and office staff, our director sends a detailed report to USDA about the hemp program in Alabama

Hemp Material

Each seed – seedling – clone is accounted for by the grower and ADAI

Alabama Extension

As regulators, we often work with extension to help assist growers with soil health, plant & pest questions

Audits

At the end of each season growers fill out information of crop production, where it was processed and any other hemp materials

Universities

ADAI works closely 6 universities which have hemp programs





Thanks for listening!

Please feel free to ask questions

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